

Missouri and Missourians.

A. Bothwell, of Sedalia, wants to be the Republican nominee for governor of Missouri. This request, albeit a modest one, is likely to be denied unless Major William Warner can be induced to break the "Jim Blaine" silence he has maintained concerning state politics. Colonel Bothwell, who wants to be slaughtered, is an ex-representative from Pettis county, and a hustling politician.

In speaking of Kansas City's favorite for governor, Editor Charley Green, of the Brookfield *Argus*, says: "Speaking of Judge James Gibson, there is a strong sentiment here that he make the race for governor. Judge Gibson is of that splendid type of Missourian. His boyhood was spent on a farm in this state, and for several years he has been a resident of Kansas City. A more affable, sociable man one seldom meets in public life."

It is related of the Leonard brothers, Saline county's most enthusiastic alliance men, Leverett, Abiel and Charley, who live in that county. Brother Leverett is president of the state order, Brother Abiel is president of the county order, and Brother Charley figures as a charter member of both. When a meeting of the Mount Leonard order is held Abiel presides. One of the other brothers makes a motion, the other brother seconds it and Brother Abiel, as president, declares the motion adopted unanimously.

Hon. John G. Wear, of Poplar Bluff, Butler county, judge of the Twenty-first judicial circuit, is preparing to divide with Judge Thomas, of the supreme court, the strength of the southeast in the judicial convention. Judge Thomas is a candidate to succeed himself on the bench, to which he was appointed by Gov. Francis. Judge Wear is young and ambitious, and he is credited with a desire to try his luck in the race.

If Champ Clark, of Pike county, could be elected to all the offices for which he has been mentioned, he would be the poon bath of the Seventh congressional district. Congressman at large, congressman from the Seventh and lieutenant-governor are three of the places for which he has been urged to try. He may make the race for congress, and if he does will at least remind Dick Norton that he has opposition.

If Judge Norton, or Congressman Wilson had foreseen the amount of speculation now being indulged in concerning the proposed gubernatorial race of the one and the congressional campaign of the other, no doubt they would have avoided it. As it is, that is one of the interesting bits of gossip. It is not believed that both of them will run, and the question is, which one is it to be?

Mr. Walter Williams had a very pretty conceit in last week's issue of the Columbia *Herald* under the title "An Editorial Fantasia," in which he grouped the newspaper men of Missouri together at a banquet, with Santa Claus as toast-master. It was a splendid Christmas gathering, of a fanciful character, and contained many bright hits levelled at the heads of the state editorial fraternity.

Editor Davis, of the *Marshall Progress*, said the other day that he knew of no more elegant gentleman or thorough scholar than Roswell M. Field, of the Kansas City *Star*. I was a class-mate of his at the state university and he acquitted himself with unusual honors at school. His now famous brother, Eugene Field, was then attending school at Knox college, Galesburg, Ill., but I think even Eugene will now admit that Ros surpassed him in the acquirement of the classics.

Harry Howard, of the Macón County *Democrat*, says: "Since it has been announced that Hon. Lysander A. Thompson will be a candidate for congress we understand that he has received much encouragement from various sections of the district." This is a pointer indicating to some extent the direction of the wind among Colonel Hatch's former supporters and admirers, and it is now evident that Mr. Thompson will make a very lively campaign for the nomination.

There is a rumor in political circles that Hon. C. C. Maffitt, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, will resign at the January meeting and that he will be succeeded

by Hon. Thomas J. Delany, member from the Thirtieth congressional district. It is not settled that this will be the program. Those who know the able service which Chairman Maffitt has rendered the party in the position he has filled so ably will regret his retirement, but this will be in part made up by the selection of Tom Delany. If there be any member of the committee who can acceptably and successfully carry out the campaign work mapped out by Colonel Maffitt, he is the man. To Colonel Delany belongs the credit of redeeming the Springfield district from the blight of O'Dayism which for some time kept Democracy down there under a bushel. If he be selected for chairman it will mean that his ability and good work are recognized.

It is rumored that Hon. J. W. Kneisley, of Boone county, will be a candidate for representative. Some people don't like Kneisley, but the old man will be "in it," if he concludes to run.

It was a Missouri man, of course, who thus silenced a third party advocate. "While there were only two parties in the garden of Eden everything went well, and both were happy, but no sooner did the third party crawl in than the devil was to pay."—*Shelbina Torchlight*.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Bob Campbell, of St. Louis, who for a brief period felt that he was called upon to make the race against Auditor Jas. M. Seibert, realizes apparently that the call was but an echo scarcely to be heard or else it was a rumor stifled in the uttering. Hence he has not announced his candidacy and probably will not.

If the voting contest for governor and lieutenant-governor, carried on under the auspices of the St. Louis Sunday *Mirror*, means anything, Judge Gibson, of Kansas City, is in the race for the first position on the ticket. He easily leads the host and it must be remembered that the paper is printed in the opposite end of the state.—*Cameron Sun*.

Hon. John H. Carroll, of Unionville, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, will soon call a meeting of the committee to receive reports from the association engaged in organizing Democratic clubs throughout Missouri. Special importance is to be paid to this work, and as it is to be under the direct supervision of Colonel Carroll, it will be thoroughly done. His campaign work is of a superior kind and has always been of great service to the party.

The Lexington *News* indorses the candidacy of Frank Trigg, of that place, who desires to succeed the late J. D. Conner as supreme court clerk. Mr. Trigg was chief clerk under Captain Conner and for sixteen years prior to that was circuit clerk of Lafayette county. His claims, however, are not superior to those of at least half a dozen other candidates who are good and experienced men.

It is really the good fortune of either of the two prominent political parties before the country to have so faithful and competent a representative in so responsible a position as that of state treasurer, now filled by Mr. Lon V. Stephens. As a public officer Mr. Stephens has made a record which baffles all criticism by the enemies of the Democratic party, and from the more candid of the Republican journals come expressions of approbation and praise.—*Marshall Progress*.

Dick Dalton is coming to Southwest Missouri to help along his candidacy for the governorship. The southwest will welcome Dick, but it can't help him. "Steve" Claycomb is the southwest's favorite son and he is the coming man.—*Joplin Herald*.

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